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MARY I PROCLAMATION

AN ACTE AGAYNST THE EXCESSIVE TAKYNGE OF THE KYNGE AND THE QUEENES MAIESTIES PURVEYOURS

1555

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Ph. & Mary

For the auoydynge of the great anoyaunce and hyndraunce commonly done to the Subiectes of this realme, by purueyours & takers of Beues, Wethers, Lambes, Calues, al kyndes of grayne Butter, Cheale, Bacon, all kyndes of pullayne and to exchewe hereafter not onelye the greate deceipt ministred and done daylye by the sayde purueyours and takers, but also hereby to aduaunce the kynge and quenes maiesties better seruice in the premisses, with the contentation of all theyr hyghnes faythfull and moste obediente Subiectes.

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Be it therefore enacted by our sayde Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the auctho*r*itie of the same, that after the feast of the byrthe of our Lord next ensewynge, euerye suche commission as shalbe made, graunted, and directed, to anye person or persõs, what soeuer wherby the same person or persõs, or theyr deputies shal haue auctho*r*itie to take anye Beues, Wethers, Lambes, Calues, or anye kynde of salte fishe, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, or any butter in barrels or other vessels, Cheale, Bakon, Connies, Pigges, Gese, Capons, or Hennes, that the same commission or commissions shall not extende or continue aboue the space of syxe monethes at the farthest nexte ensewynge the date of anye of the sayde commissions. And after the ende of the sayde syxe monethes euerye of the sayde commissions to be voyde and of no force nor effecte, what soeuer wordes, matter, or sentences shalbe conteyned or expressed in anye of the same commissions.

And be it further enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesayde, that in al and euery such commission or commissions to be graunted after the sayde feast of the byrthe of our lord, shalbe playnly alwel contayned & expressed, suche countie or counties, as any of the said Beues, Wethers, Lambes, Calues, Hogges or Swyne, or any kynde of salte fishe, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter, chease, bakon, connies, pygges, gese, capons or hennes, or anye of them, is to be leuied, purueyed or taken in, by any of the person or persons or theyr deputie or deputies, so authorised, by the vertue of the sayde commission or commissions, as also the iuste, true and ful proportion and number, of all and euery suche beues, wethers, lambes, calues, swyne, any kynde of salte fishe, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter in barrelles or other vesselles, chease, bakon, connies, pigges, gese, capons, and hennes, or anye of them, as the sayde person or persons, their deputie or deputies, or any of them shalbe by force and vertue of the sayd commission or commissions auctho*r*ised to leuie, take, or puruaye, within anye of the sayde countie or counties.

And be it further enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesayde, that to euery such commission or commissions after the sayd byrth of our Lord to be made, graunted, and directed, as is afore sayd, shalbe annexed so many blanckes in parchement, as there shalbe seuerall counties expressed, named, and contayned within the sayde commission or commissions or anye of them in the which blanckes shalbe fayre and legeably written, all and euery such beues, wethers lambes, calfes, swyne, anye kinde of salte fishe, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter, chease, bakon, connies, pigges, gese, capons, and hennes, wyth the true and seuerall prices of

the same, and euerye of them as shalbe leuied, gathered, and purueyed, by anye person or persons, theyr deputie or deputies, or anye of them as shalbe therevnto aucthorised, by anye suche commission or commissions aforesayde, within anye perticuler towne, parishe, or hamlet, set, lyinge, and beynge, within anye those countie or counties, as shalbe named, contayned, and expressed, within the sayde commission or commissions, or anye of them, wherevnto shalbe subscribed the name or signe manuell of all and euery suche high constable or constables, petie constable or constables, headborowe, or headborowes, as shalbe by anye precepte to hym or them directed, by anye person or persons, theyr deputie or deputies, or any of them, aucthorised therevnto by suche commission or commissions to be graunted, as is aforesayde, priuie or knowledgynge to the deliuerye of the sayde beues, wethers, lambes, calues, any kynde of salt fishe, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter, cheese, bakon, connies, pigges, gese, capons, and hennes, or anye of them.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that euerye person or persons, theyr deputie or deputies, or anye of them whiche shalbe by commission, or commissions, hereafter to be graunted as is aforesayde, aucthorised to leuie, take, or puruaye anye beues, wethers, lambes, calues, swyne, salte fyshe, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter in barrelles or other vesselles, cheese, bakon, connies, pigges, gese, capons, and hennes, or anye of them, as is beforesayde, shall make a doket or breue in writynge subscribed with hys or theyr name or names, conteynynge all and euerye suche beues, wethers, lambes, calues, swyne, kynde of salte fishe, kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter in barrelles or other vessels, cheese, bakon, connyes, pygges, gese, capons, and hennes, or any of them, as he or they shall by vertue of the sayd commission or commissions, leuye, take, or puruey, within anye perticuler towne, parishe, or hamlet, set, lyinge, and being within anye suche countie or counties, as shalbe named, contayned, and expressed, within the sayde commission or commissions, or anye of them, and the same doket or dokettes, breue or breues, faire and legeablye writtten and subscribed as is aforesayde, shall well and truely deliuer to the sayde hyghe constable, petie constable, or headborowe, or one of them, at suche present tyme, as the sayde beues, wethers, lambes, calues, swyne, salte fyshe, kinde or kindes of grayne, butter, cheese, bakon, connies, pigges, gese, capons, and hennes, or anye of them, shalbe deliuered to them or anye of them, vpon payne of forfeyture of .C. markes, of lawefull money, and one yeres imprisonment as often as he shall so offende. The one moyte of which forfeyture to be to the kyng & queenes maiesties, and the other moyte to hym that wyll sue therfore in any of the kyng and quenes courte of Recorde, by byll, playnte, writte, information or otherwyse, wherein no wager of law protection or essoigne to be allowed. All whiche dokettes, or breues, the sayde hyghe constable, or constables, petie constable, or constables, headborowe or headborowes, shall deliuer ouer to the Justices of peace, at the next generall sessions to be holden within any of the sayde counties. And that the same iustices or two of them, may and shall from time to time certifie the whole number and content of all and euery the sayd dokettes and breues, to the lorde stewarde of the kynge, and quenes most honorable houshold for the tyme beyng, or to the Treasurer & Comptroller of ỳ same, or any of thē, or to the Treasurer & comptroller of the kyng & Quenes shyppes, yf prouision of any the thinges aforemencioned be prouided or taken, for the vyctaylyng of the naupe, or any of the kyng or Quenes maiesties shyppes, wherby the serupnge of any of the forsayde Commission or Commissions, and true aunswerynge of the same shall fullye appeare.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by thauctho͂itie afo͂esayd, that it shal not be leaful to any person o͂ persons, they͂ deputie o͂ deputies, o͂ any of them, whiche shalbe auctho͂ised by suche commission o͂ commissions, hereafter to be graunted as is afo͂esayde, to leuie, take, o͂ puruey, any beues, wethers, lambes, calues, anye kynde of salte fishe, kynde o͂ kyndes of grayne, butter in barrels o͂ other vessels, cheese, bakon, connies, pigges, gese, capons, and hennes, o͂ anye of them, otherwise, o͂ in anye other so͂te and maner, then is in seuerall estatutes heretofo͂e fo͂ puruey͂ours made, o͂deyned, prouided, appoynted, limitted, and exp͂esse, vpon suche payne and paynes, as in the sayde seuerall estatutes is contayned and exp͂esse.

And fo͂ asmuch as the good and necessary lawes heretofo͂e made and prouided against the abuses and euyll doynges of puruey͂ours, are not taken to extende to the vndertakers, deputies, & seruauntes of any such puruey͂ours, by whome therfo͂e the people of thys realme be oft entymes verye vncharitablie and vnlawfully vsed and oppressed.

Be it therfo͂e enacted by the auctho͂itie of thys p͂esent parliament, that all and euerye suche lawes, statutes, and p͂ouisions, as heretofo͂e haue bene made and o͂deyned agaynste puruey͂ours, and all and euerye the paynes, penalties, fo͂feyture, and losse, contayned, mencioned, o͂ appointed, in any of the same lawes o͂ estatutes against puruey͂ours and takers, o͂ any of them, shal also be extended & executed vpon euery of they͂ vndertakers, deputies, and seruauntes. And all other whiche by colour shall after the fyrst daye of Januarye, nexte commynge, take any victuall o͂ any other thyng, by vertue o͂ fo͂ce of any suche commission, from anye the Kynge and Quenes maiesties Subiectes, contrarye to the teno͂ and effecte of any of the sayd lawes, o͂ estatutes, in like maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as the same lawes and estatutes, o͂ anye of them, and the paynes and fo͂feytures therein conteyned, should, myght, o͂ ought to be executed & extended agaynst puruey͂ours & takers them selfes o͂ any of them. And as strongely & amply, as yf the sayde vndertakers deputies, & seruauntes were specially and perticulerlye recited and named in euerye of the same estatutes.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by thauctho͂itie afo͂esayde, fo͂ the better execution of thys acte and all other actes concernynge puruey͂ours, that all and euerye commission and commissions that from henceforthe shalbe made and graunted vnto any puruey͂our o͂ puruey͂ours, shalbe written and set fo͂the from tyme to tyme in the Englishe tonge, and not otherwyse.

God saue the Kynge and the Quene.

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REGIÆ MAIESTATIS.
Anno. M.D.LV.
Cum priuilegio ad imprimendum solum.